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TSA is Looking for a Few Good Men and Women to be *Part-time* Security Screeners for Airports in Alaska and Saipan

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is actively seeking people who are looking to serve their country as part-time federal security screeners at airports in Alaska and Saipan. Today's announcement is part of a sophisticated, targeted approach for TSA's ongoing screener recruitment. Interested candidates can apply at www.tsa.gov and then click on "Employment"; or https://tsacareers.recruitsoft.com/.

"TSA must maintain an effective screener workforce," said Adm. James M. Loy, Administrator of TSA. "After assessing the screener workforce in each airport, we found that some airports will require additional part-time screeners to cover peak times to reduce wait-time and enhance customer service."

"The hiring of part-time screeners gives TSA the flexibility to maintain the effectiveness needed to ensure the security of traveling public," said Adm. Loy.

The following airports are currently recruiting for part-time screeners:

Bethel Airport (BET), Bethel, AK Deadhorse Airport (SCC), Prudhoe Bay, AK Dillingham Airport (DLG), Dillingham, AK

Fairbanks International Airport (FAI), Fairbanks, AK

Juneau International Airport (JNU), Juneau, AK

King Salmon Airport (AKN), King Salmon, AK

Kodiak State Airport (ADQ), Kodiak, AK

Kotzebue 'Ralph Wien Memorial' Airport (OTZ), Kotzebue, AK

Merle K (MUDHOLE) Smith (CDV), Cordova, AK

Nome Airport (OME), Nome, AK

Wiley Post/Will Rogers Memorial Airport (BRW), Barrow, AK

Wrangell Airport (WRG), Wrangell, AK

Yakutat Airport (YAK), Yakutat, AK

Saipan International Airport (GSN), Saipan Island

The annual salary of a full time transportation security screener ranges from \$23,600 to \$35,400 depending upon experience, plus locality pay; part-time security salaries will depend upon a screener's work schedule. In addition, security screeners receive federal benefits including health insurance, life insurance, retirement, paid vacation and sick leave. (Part-time screeners are eligible for health insurance and life insurance coverage. The amount of the premium is based upon work schedule.)

All candidates by law must meet the following minimum requirements:

- U.S. citizenship or U.S. national;
- High school diploma, GED or equivalent, or one year of security or aviation screening experience;
- English proficiency; and
- Pass a background check

Transportation security screener duties include providing frontline security and protection of travelers, airports and airplanes by identifying dangerous objects in baggage and on passengers in a courteous and professional manner. They also are responsible for preventing those objects from being transported onto aircraft by utilizing diverse, cutting edge electronic detection and imaging equipment.

TSA has a toll-free number for interested applicants:

(800) 887-1895 (ph) or (800) 887-5506 (TTY only)

The Aviation and Transportation Security Act mandates that TSA recruit, hire and train screening personnel to assume passenger and baggage screening responsibilities for the nation's commercial airports.

For the additional information regarding TSA, please visit our website at www.tsa.gov.